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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: FCC Form 481, Section 600, Line 610
Statement Regarding the Ability to Function in Emergency Situations
47 CFR § 54.313(a)(6)

To Whom It May Concern,

Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. (GRTI) is an incumbent local exchange carrier operating in the state of Arizona subject to the regulation of the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), and is an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As such, GRTI is subject to the regulatory authority of the FCC and GRIC and operates under the applicable and relevant rules and laws of GRIC.

GRTI has portable generators and batteries capable of providing the required level of backup power, and that can be deployed as necessary to GRTI's switching and remote sites. GRTI also has a fire suppression system to provide the best opportunity to prevent a fire from disrupting its ability to function. GRTI's network is capable of rerouting traffic around damaged facilities, although this ability is not absolute and may be limited in certain circumstances. However, GRTI follows all industry standard practices in ensuring its network remains functional during different types of emergency situations.

Sincerely,

Mr. Derek E. White, General Manager

Cc: Mr. Anthony Newkirk, Chairman, GRTI Board of Directors